

## Map Scavenger Hunt

Grade Level 3-Adult

Related Subjects Geography, reading

Materials - A variety of maps, laminated

- Masking tape
- Scavenger hunt worksheets
- Pencils
- Clipboards (optional)

Objective Students will read and interpret various types of maps.

### Procedure

Collect and laminate a variety of maps (old maps are just as useful as current maps for this activity). Number each map. Post the maps in the room so they are easily visible to students. Look at each map carefully and choose one piece of information you would like students to discover on the map.

Using the information, create a scavenger hunt worksheet with questions the students must answer. Ask students to indicate on which map they found their answers.

You can make this activity as simple or challenging as you like, depending on the questions you ask. Students can work alone or in pairs to discover the answers to their questions. Tell them that each map contains the answer to one question. The object of the activity is to find all the correct answers in the shortest amount of time.

To encourage students to examine the maps closely and read all of the material in the borders, include questions on the worksheet to which the answers can be found only by carefully examining the maps.

For a larger scavenger hunt, several teachers could display maps in hallways where students usually pass and add more questions or even more than one worksheet.

Examples of questions that might be used follow.

- Through what bodies of water would an oil tanker pass going from Kuwait to Cairo? (Middle East Map)
- List as many things as you can that are no longer correct as shown on the 1973-1974 world map (1973-1974 world map).
- Your teacher's birthday is July 24 (Leo). Last summer, she was in Australia on her birthday. Was she able to see the constellation for her zodiac sign? (constellation map)

- Your mother is on a business trip in Tokyo. She said she would call home on your birthday, March 28, at 12 noon. You live in Chicago. What date and time should she place the call from Tokyo? (time zones map)
- The first lunar landing in 1969 was in the Sea of Tranquility. Is this in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere? (Moon surface map)

### Assessment

Answers to the students' scavenger hunt worksheets will be assessed for accuracy. Teacher will informally assess students' problem-solving techniques as they carry out this activity.